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Dr. Joshua Lederberg  
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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

I have received the honor of being asked to be Chairman of an honorary committee being formed in connection with the proposed American Rocket Society SPACE FLIGHT REPORT TO THE NATION, which will be held at the New York Coliseum, October 9-13, 1961.

It is my distinct pleasure to invite you to join some forty distinguished scientists, engineers, educators, philanthropists and statesmen who are being asked to serve on this committee.

This meeting will be an extremely important event for the American Rocket Society, but more particularly for the nation. It will offer the nation's space program its first week-long opportunity to present itself to the profession and to the public. The ARS Program Committee intends to organize representative and comprehensive technical sessions that will offer tutorial reviews of the many disciplines that are unified within the field of astronautics.

In addition, three floors of the Coliseum will be devoted to an impressive manifestation of the country's physical equipment for undertaking a space program. The center of the exhibit will be a large display from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

The technical sessions and exhibits will be attended by many thousands of professionals from the space field.

## **ARS Space Flight Report To The Nation**

*October 9-13, 1961, New York Coliseum, Sponsored by the American Rocket Society*

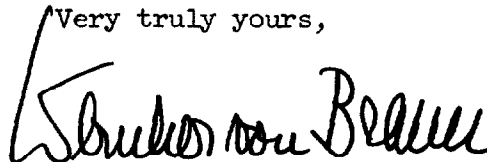
However, equally important, there will be special hours allocated to the public, which will enable tens of thousands of interested citizens to view for the first time something of the technical nature of our country's space effort. It is planned to build a glassed-in radio and television studio on the main floor of the Coliseum so that interviews, panels, demonstrations of working models can be broadcast to the country throughout the week.

The meeting will also be important for young would-be scientists and engineers. It is planned to have public lectures each evening covering such fields as astrodynamics, guidance, propulsion, in order to educate these people into a more mature understanding of the disciplines that make up the field of space flight.

Because of your deep interest in the objectives to which this meeting is dedicated, I sincerely hope that it will be possible for you to agree to serve on the committee. I know that your schedule is extremely full. You will not, however, be asked to devote any of your time. We are concerned with composing the committee of distinguished leaders of the space field so as to symbolize the high level of quality and excellence with which the technical programs, the public events and the exhibits will be carried on. I look forward to your acceptance.

I would appreciate hearing from you by December 1st so that an announcement of the formation of the committee can be released shortly after that date.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Wernher von Braun', with a large, sweeping initial 'W'.

Wernher von Braun  
Chairman

SPACE FLIGHT REPORT TO THE NATION Committee